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SUBJ: SPEECH WRITER/COUNSELLOR FOR WALDHEIM

1. ROBERT RHODES JAMES, THE FORMER SENIOR CLERK TO PARLIAMENT AND EDITOR OF CHURCHILL'S SPEECHES WHO HAS BEEN WALDHEIM'S SPEECH WRITER AND PRINCIPAL NON-AUSTRIAN PERSONAL POLITICAL ADVISER DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS, IS LEAVING HIS POST AND RETURNING TO BRITAIN IN JUNE. JAMES TELLS US THAT WALDHEIM HAS NOT FOUND HIS SUCCESSOR, AND INDEED HAS NO PLAUSIBLE CANDIDATE UNDER CONSIDERATION NOW.

2. IT SEEMS TO ME WE OUGHT TO MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO IDENTIFY A STRONG AMERICAN CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION AND PUT HIS NAME FORWARD IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. WALDHEIM AND THE UN HAVE SUFFERED IN THE PAST BECAUSE OF THE SYG'S OCCASIONAL INSENSITIVITY TO HIS AMERICAN AUDIENCE. OUR INTERESTS IN THE UN ARE BEST SERVED IF THE INSTITUTION CAN BE PROTECTED AGAINST SELF-INFLICTED WOUNDS.

3. WHETHER WALDHEIM IS TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS SYG OR WHETHER ANOTHER IS CHOSEN AT END OF THIS YEAR, IT WOULD BE IN OUR INTEREST TO HAVE QUALIFIED AMERICAN ON SYG STAFF.
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